



Introduction to 3-Statement Modeling

Course Introduction

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About Jeff...

Prior to joining CFI, for over a decade, Jeff taught financial modeling and valuation to thousands of students all over the world. Before his career in financial education, Jeff covered approximately 50 companies with a combined market cap of \$500 billion during his career in equity research. He also worked in corporate development leading M&A modeling and due diligence, and FP&A, as well as working in investment banking and restructuring. Jeff has a B.S. from Texas A&M University and obtained his MBA from the University of Houston. He is a CFA charterholder.

Learning Objectives



Link the 3 core financial statements together



Understand model-building best practices



Build a financial projection model with historical data and assumptions



Find the right balance between simple and complex models



Think about crafting assumptions and various forecasting methods



Review and audit your model for potential errors

What Is a Financial Model

A financial model is a **tool built in a spreadsheet** that's used to **forecast a business's financial performance** into the future and **make business decisions**.



Corporate Decisions

Company performance, strategic planning



Project Finance

Whether to invest in a project



Corporate Transactions

Mergers & acquisitions; raising capital



Investment Decisions

Valuation, equity research, portfolio management

Types of Financial Models



3-Statement
Model



DCF
Model



Merger Model
(M&A)



Capital Raises
Model



Leverage Buyout
Model



Sum of the Parts
Model



Consolidation
Model



Budget
Model

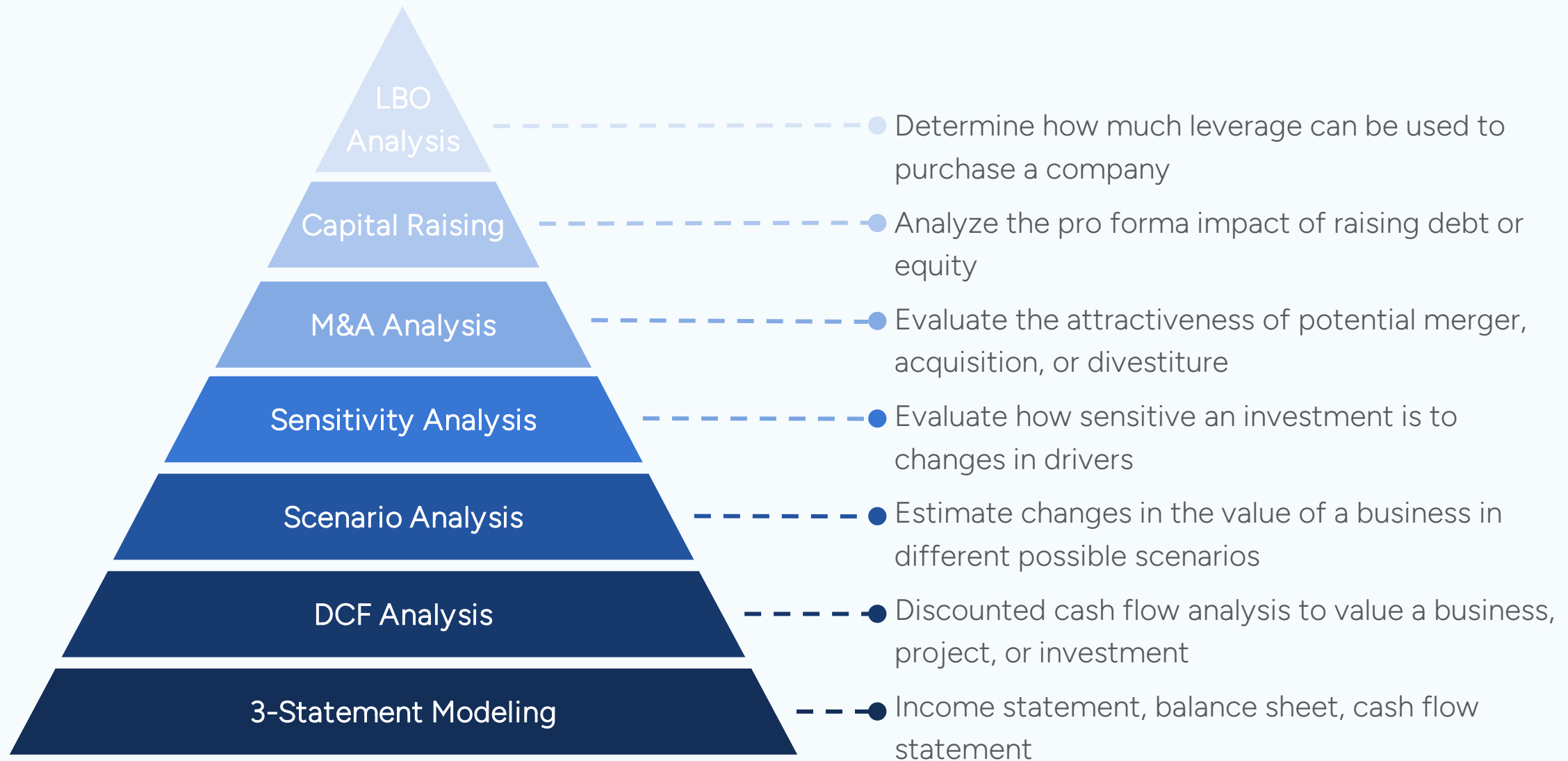


Forecasting
Model



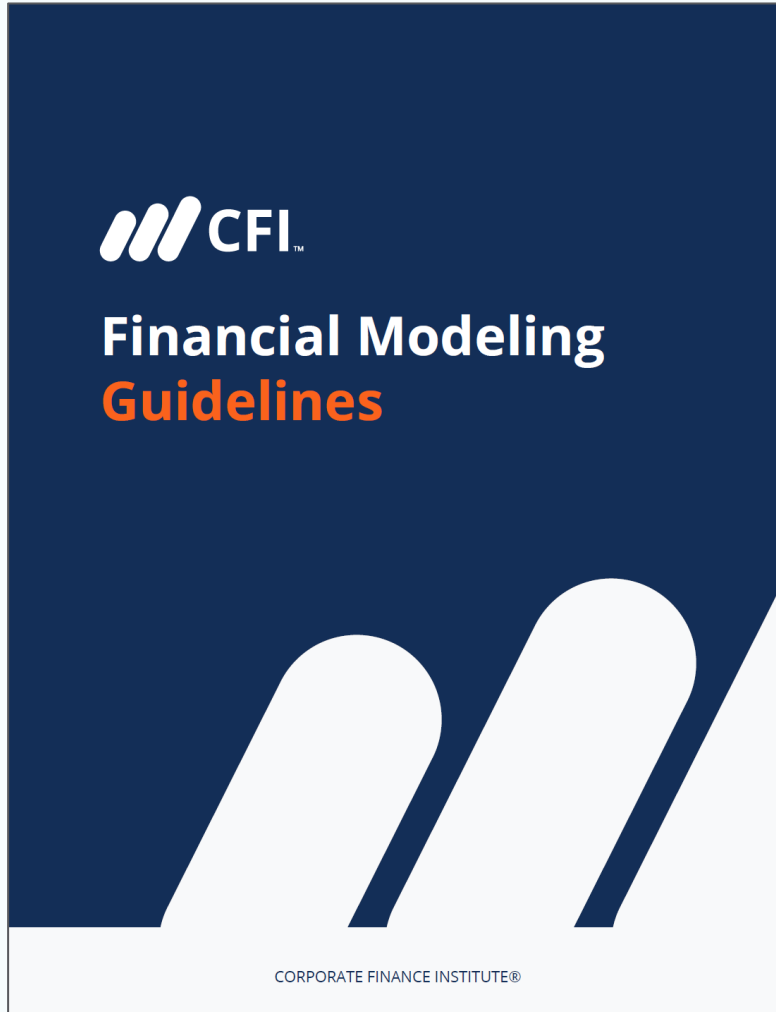
Option Pricing
Model

Hierarchy of Financial Modeling



Financial Modeling Best Practices

Financial Modeling Guidelines



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Over 95 pages



Covers financial modeling principles & standards

Key Structure for Model Building



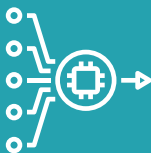
Inputs
(Assumptions)

- Clearly identified
- Should only ever be entered once



Processing
(Calculations)

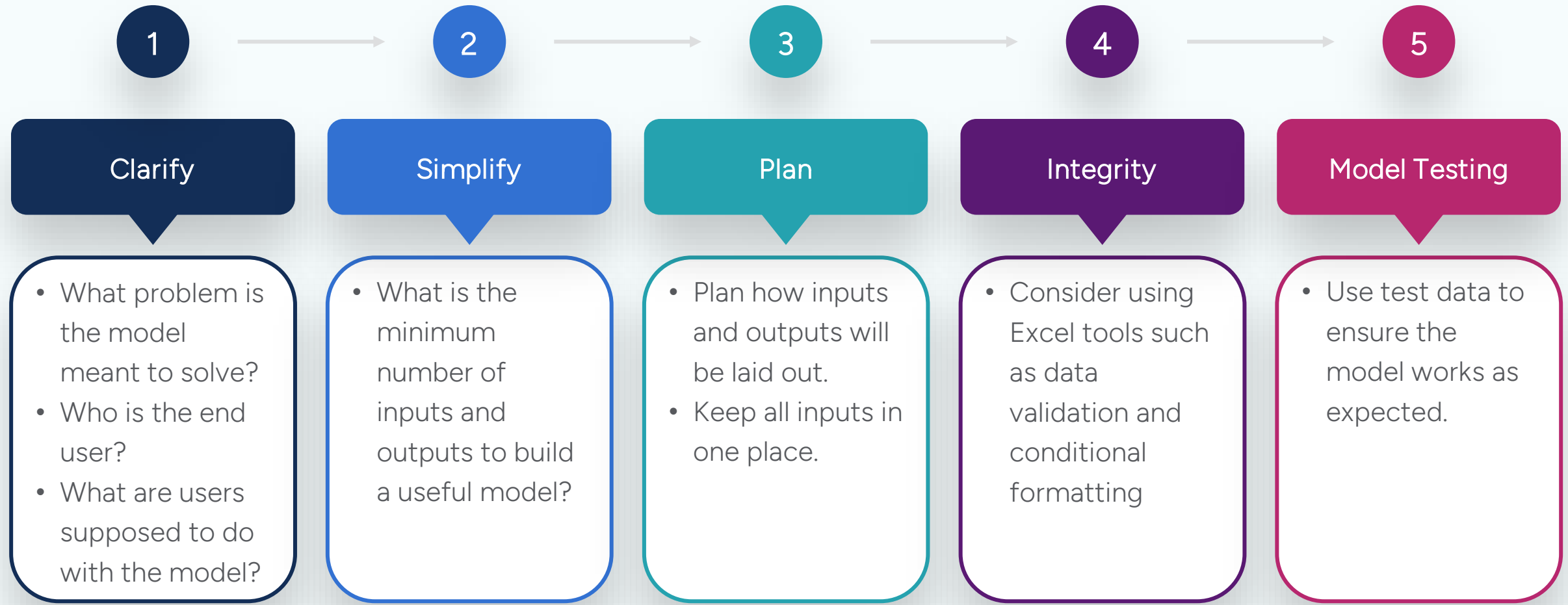
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- Broken down into simple steps
- Easy to follow



Outputs
(Graphs & Charts)

- Quickly accessible
- Easily updated and exported

Modeling Best Practices



Sign Convention

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Negative Expenses

Income Statement

All figures in USD thousands unless stated

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Common Dividends	4,209	2,931	3,988	4,578



Advantages include making the model easier to follow and being able to use the SUM function.



Many companies do not report using this convention.



It may cause some confusion doing conversions while building the supporting schedules.

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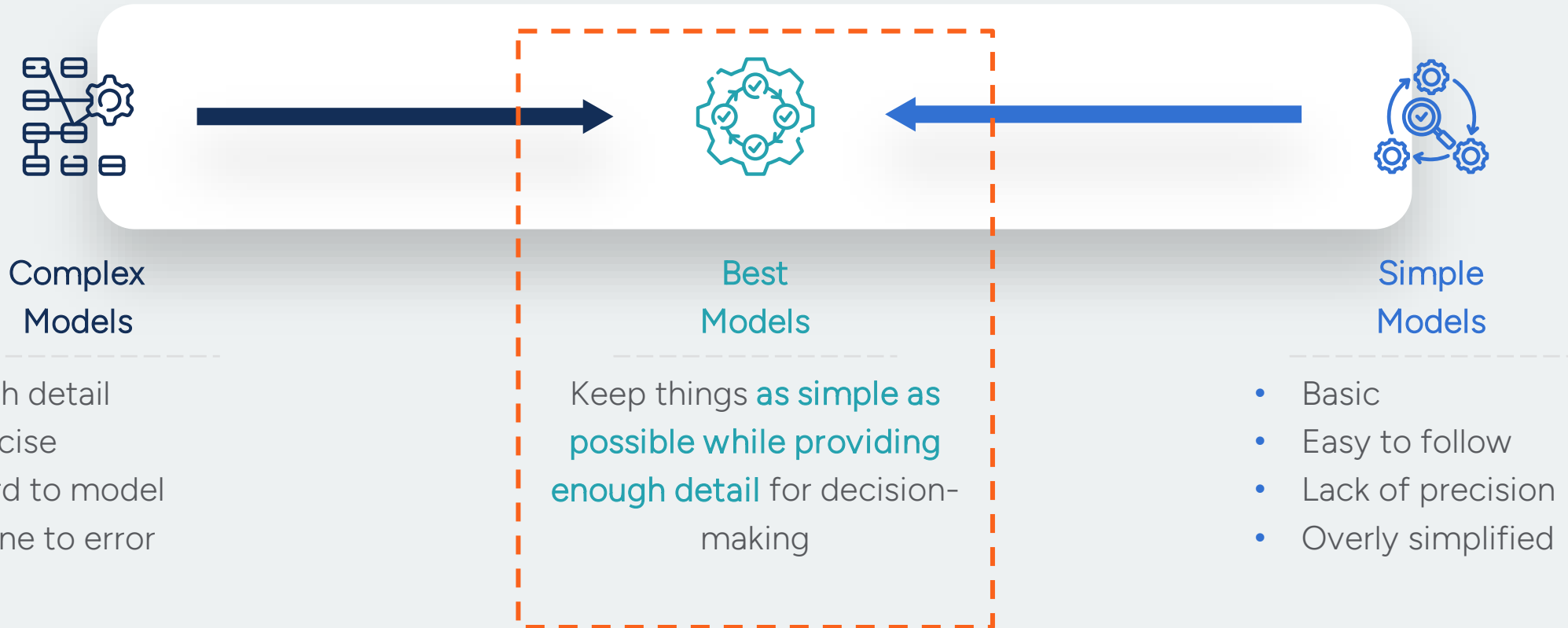
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Shows expenses as positive numbers until operating income or EBIT.



We need to **be careful when entering and interpreting data** based on both how the **company reports** and **how we build** the model.

Tension – Complex vs. Simple Models



Remember that while it is tempting to make your model complex, it is **important not to overcomplicate the model** with too much detail.

Model Inputs



Setting Objectives

- Accurate
- Reasonable data ranges
- Easy to use
- Easy to understand
- Easy to update data



Achieving Objectives

- Enter each data once
- Use color to differentiate inputs and outputs
- Use data validation & conditional formatting
- Use comments



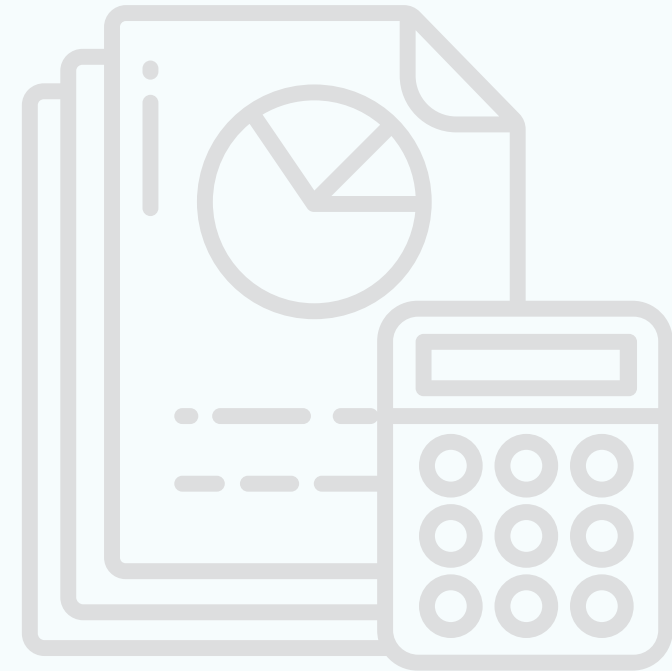
Model Processing



Do you try to put all your calculations into as few cells as possible?



Do you ever hide sections of the model?



Model Processing



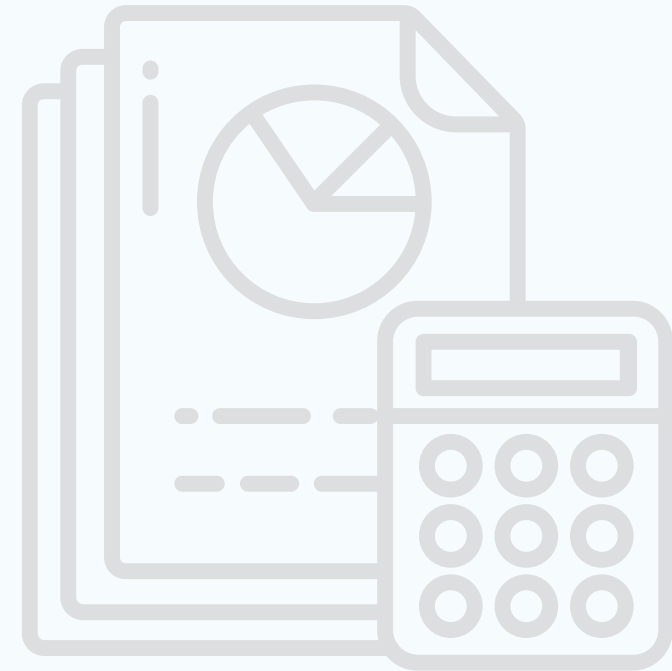
Setting Objectives

- Easy to maintain
- Accurate processing
- Transparency



Achieving Objectives

- Break down complex calculations
- Use comments and annotations
- Use formatting
- Calculate final figures, which will go onto the output reports



Model Outputs



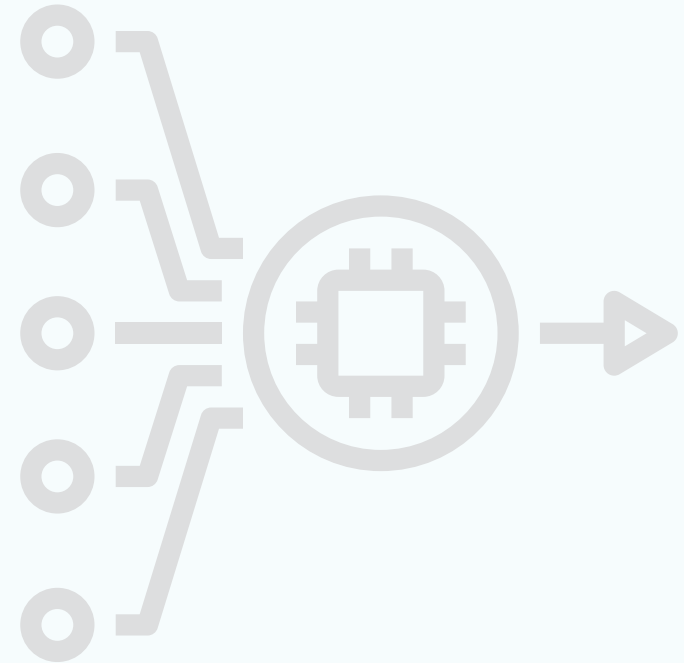
Setting Objectives

- Provide key results to aid decision-making
- Easy to understand
- Unambiguous



Achieving Objectives

- Make outputs modular
- Consider creating a summary section with only the most important key model outputs



Structure and Layout

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Multi-Spreadsheet Approach

Corporate Finance Institute								
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Charts & Graphs								

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- ✓ Simplifies organization of larger models

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✓ Most organized

✓ Easiest to use

Financial Forecasting Framework



Assumptions & Drivers

Historical ratios and figures that drive the forecast



Income Statement

Summarizes the company's profit and loss



Balance Sheet

Displays the company's assets, liabilities, and shareholders' equity



Cash Flow Statement

Reports the cash generated and spent by a company



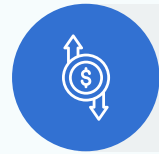
Supporting Schedules

Breaks down longer calculations such as PP&E and debt schedule

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



Supporting Schedules

1

Historical data

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



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Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



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Assumptions and drivers

Financial Forecasting Approach



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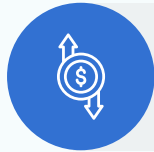
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Forecast revenues down to EBITDA

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



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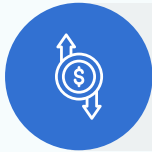
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Forecast working capital

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



Supporting Schedules

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Historical data

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Forecast capital assets (PP&E, CapEx, depreciation, etc.)

Financial Forecasting Approach



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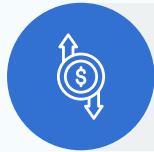
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Forecast capital structure

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



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Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



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Forecast capital structure

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Complete cash flow statement

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



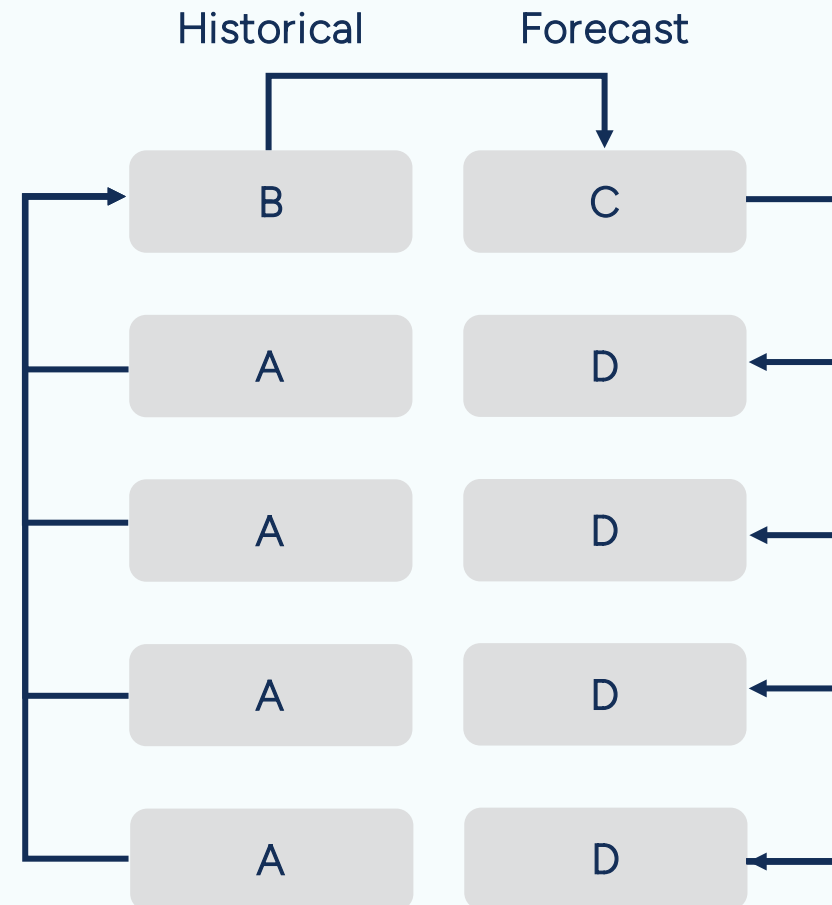
Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



Supporting Schedules



Model Setup and Assumptions

The Case

Let's **work through an example scenario together** on how to efficiently set up model assumptions.



Your boss has just **emailed** you about something the executive team would like to look at ASAP.



You need to **create a financial forecast** for a business with limited information.



You only have a set of **historical financial statements** and some guidance from the company's management team, as well as a template model from a colleague.



You must **link the historical financial statements** and create a well-built 5-year forecast as fast as possible.



Forecasting Methods

Broadly speaking, there are four types of forecasting methods.

Top-Down Analysis

- Start with total addressable market (TAM)
- Work down from there based on market share and segments until arriving at revenue

Bottom-Up Analysis

- Start with most basic drivers of the business (units)
- Build up the analysis all the way to revenue

Regression Analysis

- Analyze the relationship between revenue and other factors using the regression analysis in Excel

Year-Over-Year Analysis

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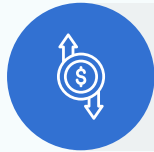
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Forecast Revenues Down to EBITDA

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



Balance Sheet



Cash Flow Statement



Supporting Schedules

1 Historical data

2 Assumptions and drivers

3 Forecast revenues down to EBITDA



We are going to forecast **revenues, direct operating expenses, and indirect operating expenses** to get to EBITDA.



Then we will work on the **balance sheet and supporting schedules** so we can forecast depreciation and interest expense.

Forecasting Methods

Now let's look at how to forecast revenues, direct operating expenses, and indirect operating expenses to get to EBITDA.

Income Statement

Revenues

Direct operating costs

Indirect operating costs

Depreciation and amortization

Cost of debt

Taxes

Net income

EBITDA

Needs **supporting
schedules** to complete



Forecasting Revenues



Complex Models

First Principles

- **Bottom-Up**
 - (Retail stores) Forecast number of stores, size, and derive revenue per sq. ft.
- **Top-Down**
 - (Telecommunication) Forecast market size and use current market share and competitor analysis to predict revenue.
- **Regression**



Covered in later
CFI courses


Simple Models

Quick and Simple

- Use historical figures and trends to predict future growth.
- Easy to audit, yet still robust.
- Easy to perform sensitivity and scenario analysis.


Forecasting Gross Margin and SG&A Expenses

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- Based on inputs
- Per unit



Simple Models

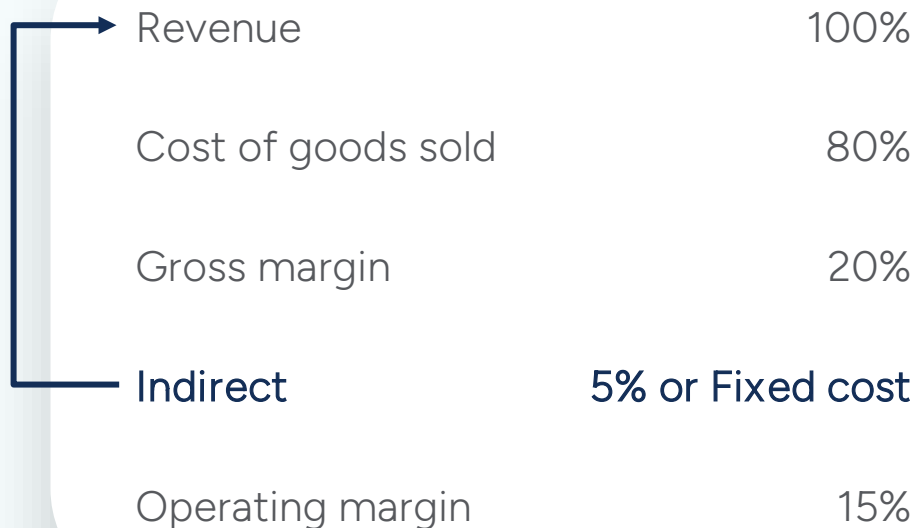
- Based on margin
- Easy to model

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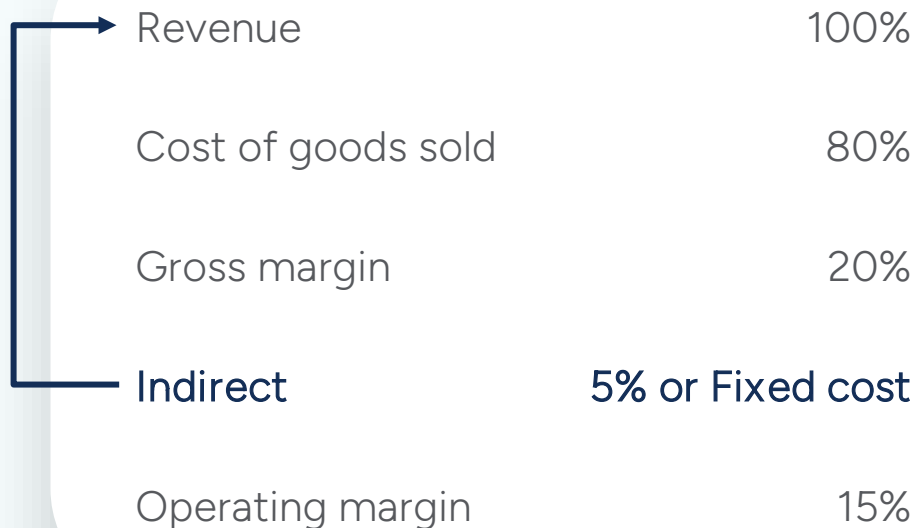
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These indirect costs often include things like **marketing, sales, and general and administrative expenses.**

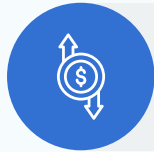
You may have **a separate schedule that builds the indirect cost with a lot of detail, a hybrid of fixed and variable;** some components are a percentage of revenue, and some components are fixed dollar costs.

Forecast Working Capital and PP&E

Financial Forecasting Approach



Assumptions & Drivers



Income Statement



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Supporting Schedules

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Forecast revenues down to EBITDA

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Forecasting Methods

We are now going to look at the **current assets and current liabilities of the business** that are required to support revenues and expenses.

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets

Cash

Accounts Receivable

Inventory

Non-current assets

Operating (non-current) assets

Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable

Other current liabilities

Long-term liabilities

Shareholders' equity

Common shares

Retained earnings

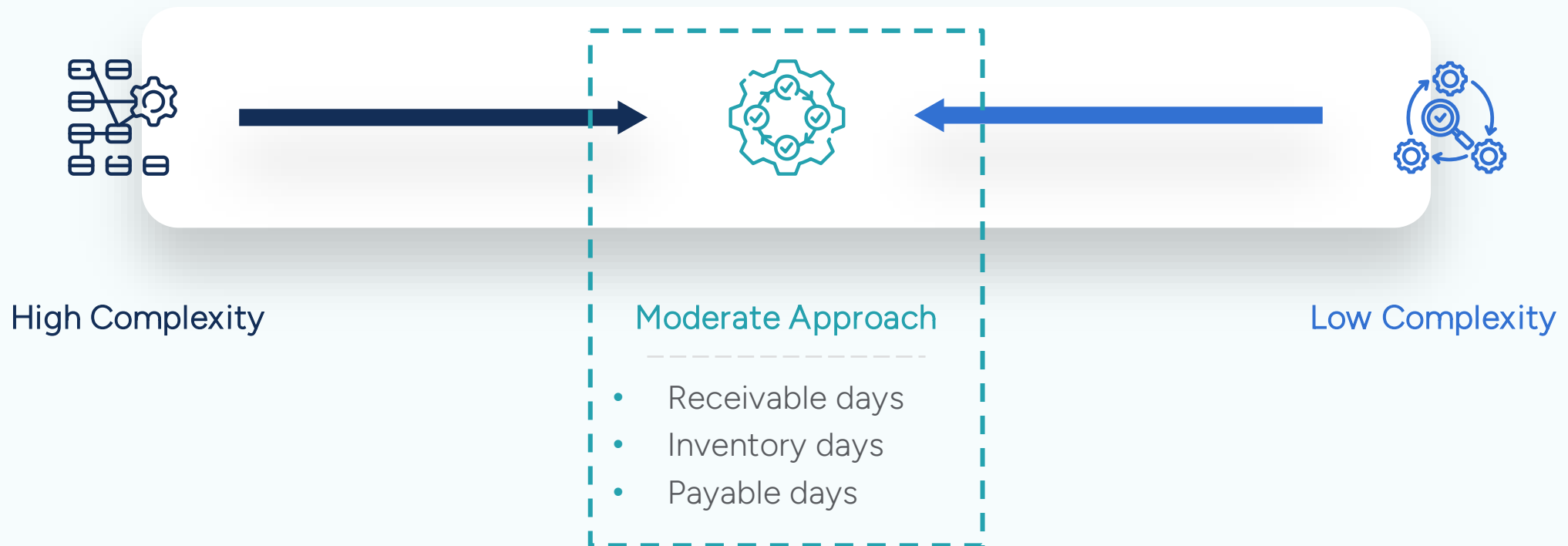
Forecasting Methods

Detailed Approach

- Account/client detail
- Inventory management detail

Quick & Simple Approach

- Historical trends
- % of sales based on trends



Working Capital Equations – Accounts Receivable

Receivable Days

Definition

The number of days it takes a company to receive payment on revenue.

Equations

Accounts receivable
days

=

$$\frac{\text{Accounts receivable}}{\text{Sales}} \times 365$$

Forecast
receivables

=

$$\frac{\text{Account receivable days}}{365} \times \text{Sales}$$

Example

$$\text{Accounts receivable days} = \frac{1,000}{10,000} \times 365 = 0.1 \times 365 = 36.5 \text{ days}$$



Companies want their accounts receivable days to be **as low as possible**.

Working Capital Equations – Accounts Payable

Receivable Days

Payable Days

Inventory Days

Definition

The **number of days** it takes a company to make payments on expenses.

Equations

Accounts payable
days

=

$$\frac{\text{Accounts payable}}{\text{Cost of sales}} \times 365$$

Forecast accounts
payable

=

$$\frac{\text{Accounts payable days}}{365} \times \text{Cost of sales}$$

Example

Accounts payable days = $\frac{2,000}{6,000} \times 365 = 122 \text{ days}$



The **longer that a company can take to pay its expenses, the better** because the company gets to keep that cash.

Working Capital Equations – Inventory Days

Receivable Days

Payable Days

Inventory Days

Definition

The number of days worth of inventory a company has.

Equations

Inventory
days

=

$$\frac{\text{Inventory}}{\text{Cost of sales}} \times 365$$

Forecast
inventory

=

$$\frac{\text{Inventory days}}{365} \times \text{Cost of sales}$$

Example

$$\text{Inventory Days} = \frac{2,500}{9,000} \times 365 = 105 \text{ days}$$

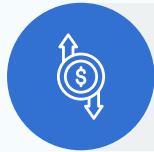


Companies want to carry **as small of an inventory balance as possible** to support the sales that they're going to generate, so they want inventory to turnover quickly.

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Increased by capital expenditures (CapEx)



Reduced by depreciation

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Now let's **forecast non-current capital assets** for the business, which includes several accounts, such as property, plant, and equipment (PP&E).

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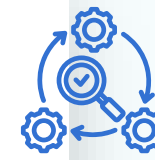
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Forecasting Financial Statements

High
Complexity



Low
Complexity

First Principles

- Forecast property, plant, and equipment requirements directly (e.g., store expansion).
- Forecast depreciation/amortization based on stated depreciation/amortization policies.
 - If deprecation policies are not available:

$$\text{Average asset life} = \frac{\text{Gross assets}}{\text{Depreciation expense}}$$

Quick and Simple Approach

- Forecast depreciation & amortization as a percentage of opening PP&E balance or percentage of revenue.
- Forecast PP&E balance based on a capital asset turnover ratio.

Forecasting Financial Statements

Capital Asset Turnover Ratio

$$\frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{PP\&E (end of period)}}$$

Or

$$\frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{PP\&E (average)}}$$



Shows us how much capital assets a company has required to generate revenue historically.



We want the ratio consistent over time unless we believe the ratio could improve or deteriorate.

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The financing structure affects **both the balance sheet and the income statement** (i.e., interest).

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Do we want to **model the status quo** for this company, or do we want to **model a different capital structure** in the future?

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i.e., If 10 million of
debt matures, it
would be refinanced
by the exact amount.

Forecasting Financial Statements



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Debt/Equity x Ratio
Held Constant

i.e., If a company issues equity, it would also increase debt in a way that keeps the debt-to-equity ratio the same.

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Debt/Equity Change
Over Time Based on
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i.e., If a company has
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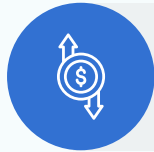
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A cash flow forecast can be derived from the **balance sheet** and **income statement**.



Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Let's review cash flow from operating activities.

Cash Flow Statement

Operating Activities

Net income	100
Depreciation	20
Other non-cash items	-
Trade and other receivables	(10)
Inventory	(20)
Trade and other payables	45
	15
Cash from operating activities	135



Income Statement

These are non-cash, and they reduce net income.



Balance Sheet

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Cash Flows From Investing Activities

We're going to use the information about **specific fixed assets** to derive this cash flow section.

Cash Flow Statement

Investing Activities

Capital expenditures (additions to PP&E)	(120)
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets	10
Payments for investment in businesses	-
Process from disposals of businesses	-
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Cash from investing activities	(110)

Investing Activities

Purchases/Payments



Disposals



Net Outflow

The combination of these activities almost always results in an outflow of cash.

Cash Flows From Financing Activities

We're going to use the **balance sheet** and **supporting schedules** to complete this part.

Cash Flow Statement

Financing Activities

Issuance of common stock	100
Dividends paid in the year	(5)
Increase/(decrease) in long-term debt	15
Increase/(decrease) in short-term debt	(10)
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Cash from financing activities	100

Financing Activities

Issuance of stock/Debt
Increase



Dividends Payment/Debt
decrease



Forecasting Financial Statements



Review and Audit

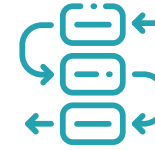
Auditing Techniques



Sanity Checks
(Assumptions and
Drivers)



Go To
Special



Trace Precedents
and Dependents



View
Formulas



Error Messages and
Alerts



Excel
Settings

Course Summary

Final Thoughts



A financial model is simply a tool, and it's a tool that **relies on a set of assumptions.**



Value

The **assumptions determine** whether the model will add **value**.



Function

Focusing too much on details may lead to an **inaccurate model that functions correctly.**



Balance

There is always going to be a balance between **simplicity and complexity.**

A Modular Approach to Building Models



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Balance Sheet

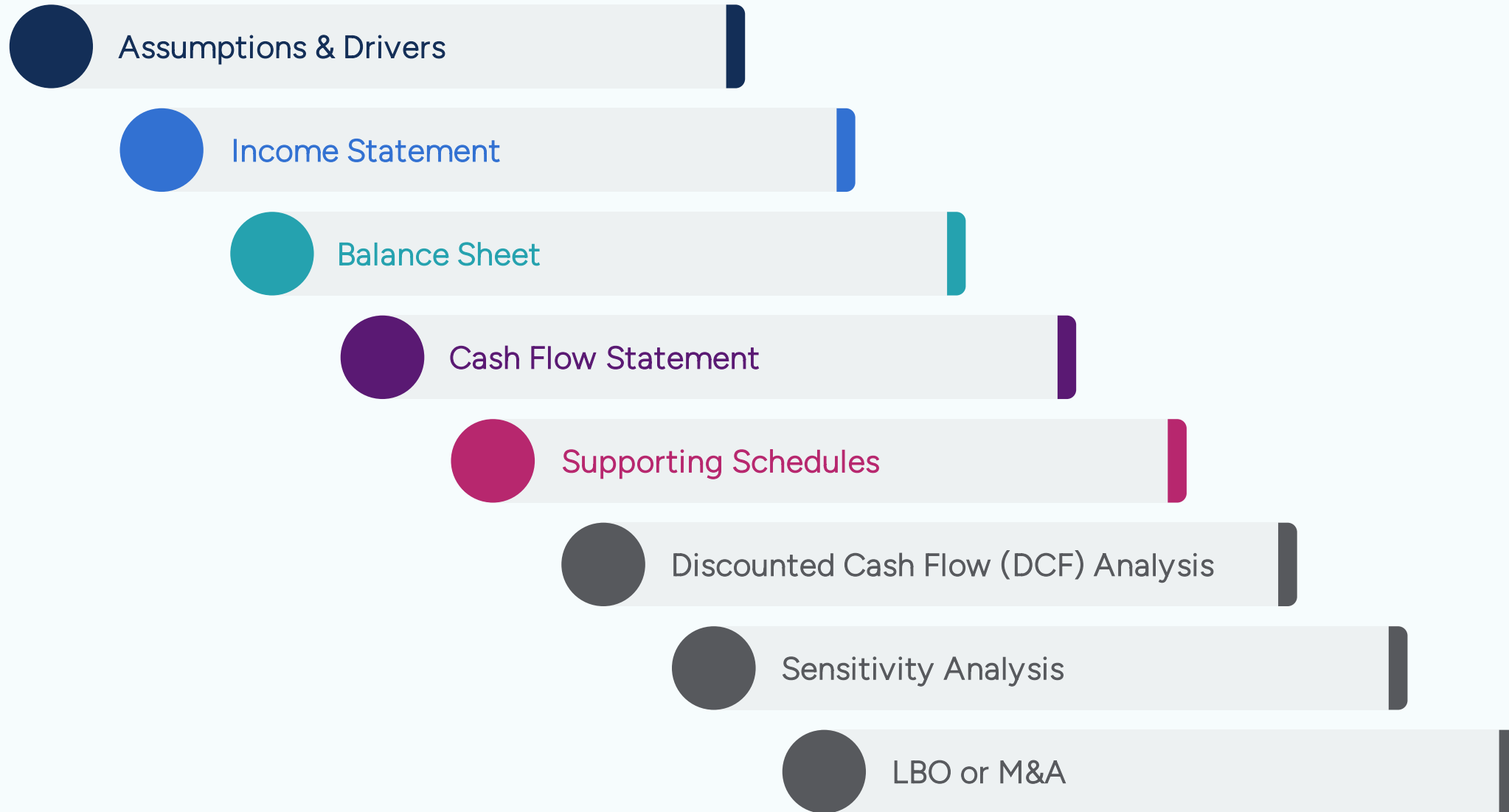


Cash Flow Statement



Supporting Schedules

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DCF Models, Sensitivity, M&A, LBO, and More

